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SUBJECT: SANKEI TELEPHONE POLL ON INDIA NUCLEAR TEST

SUMMARY: MAY 23 SANKEI PUBLISHED RESULTS OF TELEPHONE POLL CONDUCTED MAY 22 WITH 900 TOKYO-OSAKA RESPONDENTS. 73 PERCENT MAJORITY CRITICAL OF TEST ON GROUND THAT IT INCREASES NUMBER OF NUCLEAR NATIONS (49 PERCENT), AND THAT INDIA COMPLETELY IGNORED WORLD OPINION (28 PERCENT). OVER HALF OF SAMPLE (57 PERCENT) DID NOT BELIEVE GOI STATEMENT THAT PURPOSE OF TEST IS PEACEFUL, UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NOT FOR ANY MILITARY USE. REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION, 53 PERCENT FELT INDIA'S ENTRY IN NUCLEAR CLUB WOULD NOT HEIGHTEN ITS NATIONAL PRESTIGE, AS AGAINST 23 PERCENT WHO THOUGHT IT WOULD. PLURALITY 46 PERCENT DID NOT THINK JAPAN WOULD NEED POSSESS NUCLEAR ARMS IN ANY FORM, WHILE 32 PERCENT FELT THAT THERE IS SUCH NEED. END SUMMARY.

1. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION WHEN YOU HEARD NEWS OF INDIA'S UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST?

(A) UNPARDONABLE BECAUSE TEST IGNORED WORLD OPINION 28; (B) NO OBJECTION BECAUSE PURPOSE OF TEST SUPPOSED TO BE FOR PEACEFUL USE 7; (C) DO NOT APPROVE BECAUSE IT INCREASES UNCLASSIFIED

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NUMBER OF NUCLEAR NATIONS 45 (D) CANNOT BE HELPED FROM

INDIA'S POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC STANDPOINT 11; (E) OTHER 5;
(F) NO REACTION 2; (G) NA .

2 REGARDING THIS NUCLEAR TEST, INDIA CLAIMS "ITS PURPOSE IS
PURELY PEACEFUL UTILIZATION AND NOT FOR MILITARY USE." DO YOU
BELIEVE IT OR DO YOU NOT?

(A) CAN BELIEVE IT 12; (B) CANNOT BELIEVE IT 57; (C) CANNOT
SAY EITHER WAY 27; (D) NA 4.

3. DO YOU THINK INDIA'S NATIONAL PRESTIGE WOULD HEIGHTEN BY
POSSESSING NUCLEAR DEVICE, OR DO YOU NOT THINK SO?

(A) PRESTIGE HEIGHTEN 23; (B) DO NOT THINK SO 53; (C) CANNOT
LSAY EITHER WAY 18; (D)HNA 6.

4. DO YOU THINK JAPAN WOULD BECOME INSECURE AS A RESULT OF INDIA'S
POSSESSING NUCLEAR POWER, OR DO YOU NOT THINK SO?

(A) WOULD BECOME INSECURE 26; (B) DO NOT THINK SO 48; (C) CANNOT

SAY EITHER WAY 19; (D) NA 7.

5. DO YOU THINK JAPAN IN NEAR FUTURE WOULD NEED POSSESS NUCLEAR
ARMS IN ANY FORM IN LIGHT INCREASED NUMBER OF NUCLEAR POWERS,
OR DO YOU NOH THINK SO?

(A) NEED POSSESS N-ARMS 32; (B) DO NOT THINK SO 46; (C) CANNOT
SAY EITHER WAY 18; NA 4.

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